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World Population Conference, Rome, 1954. *Proceedings*. Pp. 1047.

A number of books from the library of the late Sir Charles Darwin has been presented by Lady Darwin to the Eugenics Society's Library. This gift will help to fill several gaps in our collection, and is much appreciated. A list of these volumes will be printed in the October number of the REVIEW.

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in the sort of social-survey study which pretends to describe (and even explain) sex in terms of statistical tables of frequency of orgasm.

Some readers may be shocked by the description of sexual intercourse as "the healthiest and most important human sport"; but the sudden exposure of a long-buried truth is usually shocking. Certainly, since such a minute proportion of all acts of human coition result in procreation, the orthodox acceptance of sexual pleasure as a mere sideline to the production of a family looks very thin, and one cannot dispute Dr. Comfort's assertion that "the chief biological function of coition is play." Like all play, it releases residual anxieties, provides opportunities for rôle-playing and, at times, for the harmless expression of aggression-feelings, and most importantly acts as a social cement. It is along these lines that sex must be explored if we are to extract an ethic in any way relevant to a world of easily available contraceptives.

It is good, too, to read a book with so balanced a view of the relative evils of fornication and fascism, of masturbation and mass murder, of adultery and the atom bomb. And it is difficult to resist Dr. Comfort's case, that western society to-day is so structured as to facilitate the rise to power of those individuals whose anti-sexuality tends to find expression in the organization of the sort of disguised martial law under which increasingly we live. But, if he is right, there nevertheless emerges one compensating glimmer of hope. Perhaps the tendency of young people to reject traditional morality, to be rather aggressively pro-sexual, may be producing not only social and moral problems, but also a generation more tolerant than ours, less inclined to cold-war fears and hates, unwilling to tolerate the organization of society for its own destruction. And, if so, we may—just possibly—hope for a joyous future.

A visionary development of this hope would have been fascinating, and a welcome change from the many prophecies of doom. Into it there might well have been worked Dr. Comfort's suggestions for education in sex play, for mate selection and so on. But Dr. Comfort the sociologist gets in the way of Dr. Comfort the poet—only, of course, where his sociology is suspect, for good poetry does not conflict with

true fact. He can assert, for example, that "The institutionalism of modern societies knows only one incentive and one deterrent: fear," which is patently untrue. (He should submit himself more often to the television commercials, and learn how large a part is played also by appeals to pleasure, to self-esteem, to social standing and personal acceptability.) He makes exaggerated assertions such as "The public to whom an atrocity story is directed reacts primarily not by indignation, but by sexual excitement." He believes that "ninety-nine per cent of the rational . . . objections to free sexual intercourse at an early age" will disappear with advances in contraceptive technique. He even believes that the coining of the term "teenagers" had malign intent.

No—it's too dogmatic, too unbalanced, too inclined to escape the immense complexity and richness of human sexuality. The book is not what we so badly need, and what it might have been. But, like everything Dr. Comfort writes, it is fresh and honest and sensible and thought-provoking. It should be widely read.

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